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SUBJECT : FOREIGN INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND STATISTICS:

BAHRAIN

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1. WITH LESS DIRECT REVENUE FROM OIL THAN ITS NEIGHBORS, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECT FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN BAHRAIN CAN BE CONSIDERED RELATIVELY GOOD. THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN ACTIVELY ENCOURAGES PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL BUSINESS INTERESTS. BAHRAIN'S STATUS AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE IS RELATIVELY NEW; CONSEQUENTLY, THERE ARE FEW LAWS PERTAINING TO DFI, AND MOST DECISIONS ARE MADE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES FAVOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

NO TAXES ON CORPORATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS; NO JOINT VENTURE REQUIREMENTS (ALTHOUGH LOCAL PARTICIPATION RECOMMENDED), GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT BY INTERNATIONAL TENDERS; FAVORABLE PRICES FOR NATURAL GAS; ALL PATENTS ARE RECOGNIZED IF REGISTERED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, NO INSTANCES OF EXPROPRIATION OR INCONVERTIBILITY; AN OPIC AGREEMENT IS CURRENTLY

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UNDER NEGOTIATION.

2. LABOR IS NOT PLENTIFUL, AND CAPITAL AND ENERGY INTENSIVE INDUSTRY IS FAVORED. A NEW LABOR LAW IS DUE TO BE PASSED SOON WHICH WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF EFWOIIALSFI(##) THE EMPLOYMENT OF BAHRAINS.

3. STATISTICS ON DFI ARE NOT AVAILABLE, AND MEANINGFUL ESTIMATES ARE DIFFICULT TO MAKE. AMERICAN INVESTMENT IS CONSIDERABLE IN THE OIL AND ALUMINUM REFINING INDUSTRIES. BAHRAINI INVESTMENT IN OIL THE UNITED STATES CONSISTS MAINLY OF PRIVATE STOCK PURCHASES; EXACT FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.
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